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c. 1850

Aaron Dyott House
St. Michaels
Private

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Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. T-736

Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic AARON DYOTT HOUSE

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 214 East Chestnut Street ☐ not for publicationcity, town St. Michaels ☐ vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Talbot

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
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			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
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			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name

street & number telephone no.:

city, town state and zip code

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Talbot County Clerk of Court liber 590

street & number Talbot County Courthouse folio 81

city, town Easton state Md 21601

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

pository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition

☒ excellent
☒ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Aaron Dyott house is located at 214 East Chestnut Street in the center of St. Michaels, Talbot County, Maryland. The two-story, three-bay frame house faces north with the principal gable roof oriented on an east/west axis.

Built around 1850, the two-story, asbestos shingled dwelling rests on a low brick foundation, and the house is covered by a medium pitched asphalt shingle roof. Attached to the back of the house is a two-story service wing.

The north (main) facade is a three-bay elevation with a center entrance and flanking six-over-six sash windows. The door is partially glazed and the windows are hung with louvered shutters. Stretching across the front of the house is a turned post porch trimmed with decorative corner brackets and spindle trim. Lighting the second floor are three six-over-six sash windows that also retain louvered shutters. Finishing the base of the roof above the second floor windows is a boxed cornice trimmed with bed and crown moldings.

The west gable end is a plain wall surface with a flush eave trimmed with a simply molded bargeboard. A small attic vent pierces the uppermost section of the gable end. The east end is distinguished by an interior end brick chimney that is partially stuccoed. A three-course cap finishes the chimney top.

The interior was not seen.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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HISTORY AND SUPPORT

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

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11. Form Prepared By

name/title	Paul B. Touart Architectural Historian
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organization	Historic St. Michaels	date	11/15/89
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street & number	telephone
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city or town	ST. Michaels	state	MD 21663
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The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

return to: Maryland Historical Trust
Shaw House
21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 269-2438

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Aaron Dyott House

214 EAST CHESTNUT STREET

YEAR: 1984 VOL: 590 PAGE: 81
FROM: Stephen M. Brodell PRICE:
TO: Stephen M. Brodell and Sandra Brodell
NOTES Begins on South side of East Chestnut Street at NW corner of John P. White. Run South with White 120 feet to Boundary Alley; with Alley 50 feet to Southeast corner of Arthur W. Albaugh; with Albaugh 120 feet to Chestnut Street; East on Chestnut Street 50 feet to the beginning. Known as 214 East Chestnut Street.
Conveyed to Stephen M. Brodell and Susan K. Brodell by Benjamin P. Davies 1976, 506/18.

YEAR: 1976 VOL: 506 PAGE: 18
FROM: Benjamin P. Davies and Joyce V. Davies PRICE:
TO: Stephen M. and Susan K. Brodell
NOTES Same description.
Conveyed to Benjamin P. Davies by Harry M. Karwick 1975, 496/690.

YEAR: 1975 VOL: 496 PAGE: 690
FROM: Harry M. Karwick and Loretta J. Karwick PRICE:
TO: Benjamin P. Davies and Joyce V. Davies
NOTES Same description.
Conveyed to Harry M. Karwick by Edward G. Clark 1974, 483/372. 1974, 483/370 is an appointment of Edward G. Clark as attorney-in-fact for Faith S. Clark. 1975, 496/692 is a mortgage for \$25,000.

YEAR: 1974 VOL: 483 PAGE: 372
FROM: Edward G. Clark and Faith S. Clark PRICE:
TO: Harry W. Karwick and Loretta J. Karwick
NOTES Same description.
Conveyed to Edward G. Clark by Clarissa G. Yost and John P. White 1972, 463/457.

YEAR: 1972 VOL: 463 PAGE: 457
FROM: Clarissa G. Yost and John P. White PRICE:
TO: Edward G. Clark and Faith S. Clark
NOTES Same description.
Conveyed to Clarissa G. Yost and John P. White by William T. Russell 1969, 436/69.

YEAR: 1969 VOL: 436 PAGE: 69
FROM: William T. Russell and Selma R. Russell PRICE:
TO: Clarissa G. Yost and John P. White
NOTES Same description.
Conveyed to William T. Russell by Ralph Stacey 1966, 412/418.

YEAR: 1966 VOL: 412 PAGE: 418
FROM: Ralph Stacey and Mary Virginia Stacey PRICE:
TO: William T. Russell and Selma R. Russell
NOTES Same description.
Conveyed to Ralph Stacey by William T. Wharton 1958, 348/212.

YEAR: 1958 VOL: 348 PAGE: 212
FROM: William T. Wharton and Ruth Wharton PRICE:
TO: Ralph Stacey and Mary Virginia Stacey
NOTES Same description.
Conveyed to William T. Wharton by Jennie Virginia Hamilton 1939, 245/438.

YEAR: 1939 VOL: 245 PAGE: 438
FROM: Jennie Virginia Hamilton and Ezra D. Hamilton PRICE: *
TO: William T. Wharton and Ruth Wharton
NOTES * The purchase was made for a consideration of "love and affection" and assumption of a \$400 mortgage. Jennie Hamilton was to receive room and board for the rest of her natural life.
There were two parcels in the deed -- this is parcel one with a lot 50'x120.
Conveyed to Jennie Virginia Hamilton by Lambdin D. LeCompte and others 1939, 244/278.

YEAR: 1939 VOL: 244 PAGE: 278
FROM: Lambdin D. LeCompt and others * PRICE:
TO: Jennie Virginia Hamilton
NOTES * The "others" are: Elma R. LeCompte, E. Reese LeCompte, Travers Hambleton, D. Hughes LeCompte, Dorothy B. LeCompte, N. Carroll LeCompte, and Charles Hambleton, guardian of Mary Vernon Hambleton.
Same description.
Conveyed to Nicholas M. LeCompte, dcd. by Walter M. Jewell 1894, 122/137.
Nicholas LeCompte dies in 1938.

YEAR: 1894 VOL: 122 PAGE: 137

FROM: Walter M. Jewell and Mabel H. Jewell PRICE: \$600

TO: Nicholas M. LeCompte

NOTES Still 50x120. Begins at the NW corner of James A. Dyott; runs 120 feet to Boundary Alley; West 50 feet to the SE corner of Mrs. Ann Kemp; 120 feet to Chestnut Street; 50 feet on street to beginning.
Conveyed to Walter M. Jewell by James Dyott 1889, 111/149.

YEAR: 1889 VOL: 111 PAGE: 149

FROM: James Dyott PRICE: \$800

TO: Walter M. Jewell

NOTES Same description.

Conveyed to James Dyott by John C. Dyott, of Elmira, N. Y. 1872, 78/201

YEAR: 1872 VOL: 78 PAGE: 201

FROM: John C. Dyott PRICE: \$600

TO: James Dyott

NOTES Begins at NW corner of the heirs of John Caulk; runs 120 feet back to Boundary Alley; West with the Alley 90 feet to Mrs. Ann Kemp; 120 feet with Kemp to Chestnut Street; 90 feet on street to the beginning.
Conveyed to John C. Dyott by Aaron Dyott 1854, 65/431.

James Dyott was a St. Michaels building contractor and carpenter. He removed to Connecticut about 1891.

YEAR: 1854 VOL: 65 PAGE: 431

FROM: Aaron Dyott and Lavinia Dyott PRICE: \$500

TO: John C. Dyott

NOTES Begins at the NE corner of this lot; run with John Caulk 120 feet to Boundary Alley; then 75 feet more or less to William Kemp; then 120 feet to Chestnut Street; then 75 feet to the beginning. Subject to a mortgage of \$150 to Morris Colston and Joseph H. Harrison.

YEAR: 1849 VOL: 62 PAGE: 372

FROM: Nathan Harrington and James Benson

TO : Aaron Dyott

NOTES: A lot between and joining William D. Kemp and Aaron Dyott. Formerly Benjamin Blades and Rigby Valliant. 30 x 120. \$50.

"Part of the land purchased by Harrington and Benson from the heirs of John Dorgan". This statement is not true. The deed, 1848, 61/451 clearly gives metes and bounds for a 50-acre tract south of the town boundary and for one lot, number 58 which is at the end of Chestnut Street on the north side of the street!

With this deed and the next following, Aaron Dyott owned a lot 90 x 120 feet, extending from the John D. Caulk lot to that of William Kemp.

1854, 66/98 Nathan Harrington and Sarah A. to Lewis Tarr is a 30 foot lot between Aaron Dyott and William Kemp. \$40. This appears to be the same lot as above!!

YEAR: 1849 VOL: 62 PAGE: 222

FROM: Benjamin Blades

TO : Laura Lorena Dyott

NOTES: \$50. "Lot number 60 adjoining the residence of John Caulk and also adjoining the property of John Dorgan, late of said county, deceased which said lot was purchased of aforesaid John Dorgan by Benjamin Blades and has been in adverse and peaceable possession of said Blades since 1810". Metes and bounds are not given but lot 60 was platted as a lot 60' x 120'. Attributing the ownership of the adjacent land to John Dorgan would indicate that Blades believed that Dorgan had not sold it to anyone else at this date. Laura Lorena Blades was the wife of Aaron Dyott.

Harrington & Benson bought 50 acres of land from the heirs of John Dorgan in 1848 (61/451). Although the deed clearly gives the first boundary as the BACK of the lots on Chestnut Street Harrington & Benson sold several lots on Chestnut Street. The Dorgan heirs - living in Baltimore - waited until 1882 to file an "ejectment suit" against the heirs of the people who had bought from Harrington & Benson. It does not seem as though the case ever went to trial as there is no break in the titles of any of the lots concerned.

John Dorgan acquired the land by the decision of the Chancery Court in his suit against the heirs of Hugh Sherwood (deeds 1812, 36/291 and 1813, 36/288).

Hugh Sherwood was the heir of Thomas Sherwood who bought the property from William Harrison in 1785 (23/115). There is another deed by which Thomas Sherwood buys the SAME or adjacent land which apparently had not been included in the 1785 deed, from John Thompson (1791, 24/299).

William Harrison bought from James Wignal, 1786, 23/116. John Thompson picked up his rights to the property by deed, 1784, 21/415, although this applies mostly to the land south and west of the main road.

YEAR: 1813 VOL: 36 PAGE: 288

FROM: Elizabeth Sherwood PRICE: \$487.902/3

TO: John Dorgan

NOTES The deed was made in accordance with a decree of the Chancery Court, Dec. Term, 1812 (1812, 36/291), Dorgan vs the heirs of Hugh Sherwood. Apparently, a deal had been made between Thomas Sherwood, father of Hugh, and John Dorgan to sell Dorgan all of the land Thomas Sherwood had purchased from John Thompson in 1791 and from William Harrison in 1785. This amounted to all of Braddock's unsold land - parts of "Bentley Hay", "Janes Progress", "The Beach", "Chance", and "Matthew Circumvented". Both Thomas and Hugh Sherwood died and the widow Elizabeth was forced to honor the commitment.

YEAR: 1785 VOL: 23 PAGE: 115

FROM: William Harrison PRICE: p275cm

TO: Thomas Sherwood

NOTES "All the following pieces and parcels of land, to wit: Part of a tract of land called "Bentley Hay"; Part of a tract of land called "Janes Progress"; and part of a tract of land called "Beach". All of the aforesaid pieces of land to extend as far as a street distinguished on the plat of St. Michaels as Chestnut Street.

YEAR: 1786 VOL: 23 PAGE: 116

FROM: James Wignal PRICE: p275sp

TO: William Harrison

NOTES Deed runs through the chain of title of part of "Bentley Hay", "Janes Progress", and "Beach". Begins with sale of Philip Wetheral's property to James Braddock; Braddock was in arrears with Gildart & Gawith; Braddock had willed his property to John Thompson; John Thompson has conveyed to Wignal as representative of Gildart & Gawith; now Wignal conveys to William Harrison.

YEAR: 1778 VOL: 21 PAGE: 66

FROM: Thomas Kemp and Robert Richardson PRICE: p1550cm

TO: James Braddock

NOTES The real estate of Philip Wetheral. Total 127 acres of which Braddock used about 20 for his original plan of the town. Braddock's plat (which has been lost) apparently included a row of lots - unnumbered - on the South side of Chestnut Street which were not sold before his death. The survey of 1804-06 fixed the boundary of the town at 120 feet South of Chestnut Street, providing for a series of lots 60 by 120 feet numbered 59 to 74. The original lot numbers were not used in the case of this lot, but it was probably part of lot number 63. It is located on the boundary between "The Beach" and "Janes Progress".

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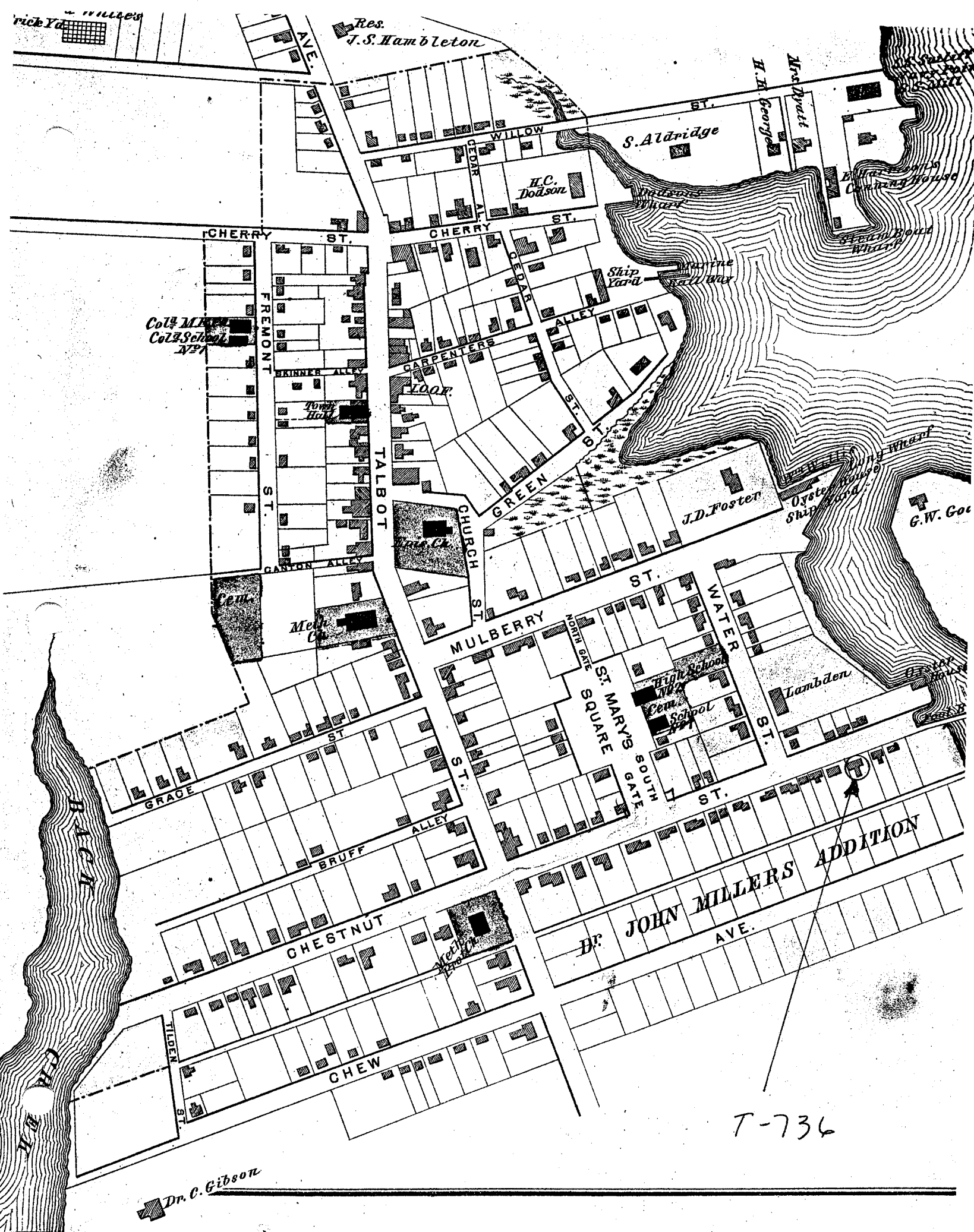
'Twenty-four ejectment suits' were placed on the docket of the Circuit Court on Saturday, by Charles H. Gibson, Esq., attorney for the heirs of John Dorgan, Sr.

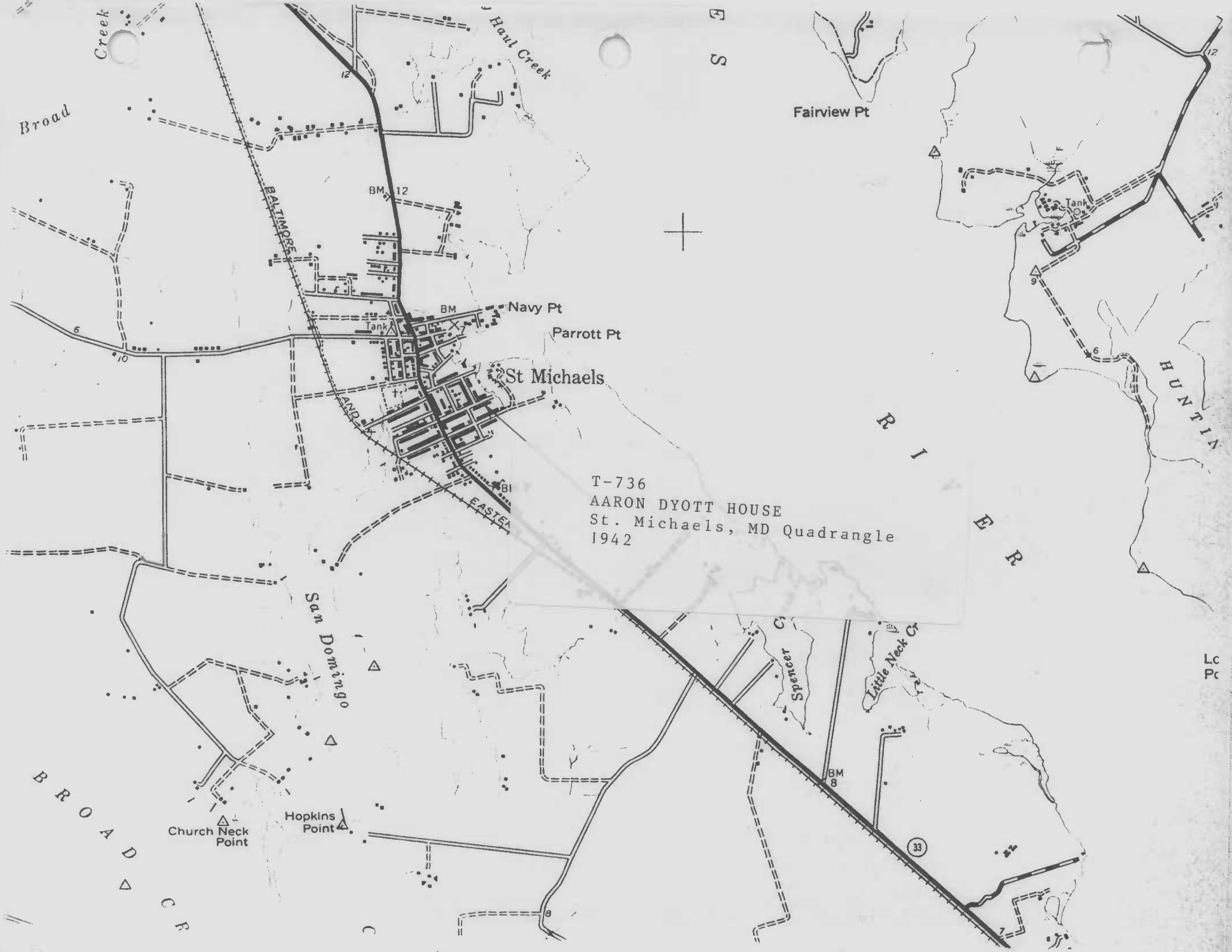
The property in dispute is situated on the south side of East Chestnut street, St. Michaels, and the tenants in possession are Denny Williams, Charlotte L. Jump, Charles W. Willey, John H. Wales, James Dyott, James A. Dyott, Oliver Caulk, Charles Caulk and George Caulk. The property consists of six lots and improvements, and is worth probably \$5,000. The present occupants claim them by right of paper titles, and adverse possession. The cases present some interesting features, and nice points of law. They will be tried in November. Fayette Gibson, Esq., appears for the defendants in twenty-one of the cases, and Ex-Gov. Thomas in three.

John Dorgan died intestate about 1830 seized and possessed, it is alleged, of the property, which has never been conveyed away by his heirs. He left four children,—a son and three daughters. The son died and left three heirs, Theo. Dorgan, who is now in the stove business in Baltimore, and two others who also live in Baltimore. One of the daughters married Mark Sewell, and left heirs. Another married the father of O. P. Sparks, Esq., and another married Jno. D. Caulk, and left a number of heirs. If the ejectment suits are sustained, the property will go to these heirs.

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St. Michaels, Talbot County, MD

Northwest elevation

12/88, Paul B. Touart, photographer

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